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April 24, 2009

Congressman Frank A. LoBiondo
2nd District, New Jersey
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-3002

Re: SAFETEA-LU Reauthorization
High Priority Projects
JFK Boulevard (CR 625) Improvements
Sea Isle City, Cape May County

Dear Honorable Congressman LoBiondo:

Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders seeks your assistance in securing the necessary federal funds to improve JFK Boulevard from the Ludlam Thorofare Bridge to Landis Avenue in the City of Sea Isle City. JFK Boulevard, the only mainland entrance into Sea Isle City, provides the best ocean vista when entering a community along the entire Jersey shore. Sea Isle City along with Cape May County desires to improve this entranceway by making needed improvements to the roadway and to provide streetscaping to further enhance motorists' first impression when entering the City.

JFK Boulevard in its current condition is a wide unfriendly expanse of asphalt in poor condition with a landscape median. The roadway floods during high tides and heavy rainfalls. Proposed improvements to JFK Boulevard include raising the elevation of the roadway to reduce the frequency and duration of flooding; enhance pedestrian mobility and safety through the addition of crosswalks, countdown timers on the traffic signals and wider sidewalks; upgrade emergency services response by the installation of a pre-emption traffic signal in front of the Sea Isle City Fire Station at the Park Avenue intersection; traffic calming bulb-outs at intersections; new and larger capacity storm drain pipes and catch basins; and new appropriate pavement stripes and markings.

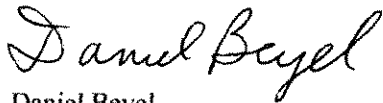
A steering committee of Sea Isle residents, business owners and public officials has been assembled and have been meeting to discuss details of the improvement project. The steering committee acts as an intermediary between the design team and the public. Cape May County has held a public official's meeting and a public information center to discuss the project. The project has received support from the public, local businesses and the City. From the public and regulatory agencies prospective, the improvement project has very limited impacts. The County intends to hold additional public information centers to inform the public of the project and to gain concurrence for the project.

Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders strongly supports the JFK Boulevard, County Road No. 625, improvements in Sea Isle City. This improvement project will greatly enhance the safety of the public and give people a great first impression of Sea Isle City. The County is seeking federal funds in the amount of \$3,500,000 for the construction of this improvement project.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact the Cape May County Engineer, Dale Foster at (609) 465-1035.

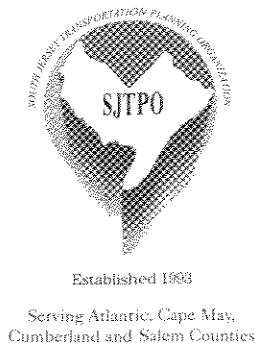
I look forward to working with you on this highly critical improvement project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Beyel".

Daniel Beyel
Freeholder Director

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Hon. Frank A. LoBiondo
Member of Congress
2427 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC, 20515-3002

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

I am writing in support of the JFK Boulevard Improvements project in Sea Isle City, Cape May County, submitted by Cape May County for consideration as a High Priority Project in the upcoming reauthorization of SAFETEA – LU. Cape May County is seeking \$3,500,000 in federal funding for the project. Sea Isle City along with Cape May County desires to improve this entranceway by making needed improvements to the roadway and to provide streetscaping to further enhance motorists' first impression when entering the City. This improvement project will greatly enhance the safety of the public and give people a great first impression of Sea Isle City.

The South Jersey Transportation Planning Organization fully supports the JFK Boulevard Improvements project in Sea Isle City.

Should this project be included in the SAFETEA – LU reauthorization, all of our public involvement procedures for the Transportation Improvement Program will be maintained, including formal public notice, website posting, and presentation at an open public meeting.

No other federal, State, local, or private funding sources are anticipated to be used to advance this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical project, and please do not hesitate to contact me for further information.

Sincerely,

Timothy G. Chelius, P.P., AICP
Executive Director

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Cc: Hon. Daniel M. Beyel, Director, Cape May County Board of Chosen Freeholders